

Dear Chirs,

I very much agree with your sentiment *that "the quality of education has never been so important."*

That said, the children are our future. They are the future of meaning making. Sadly, we are seeing more and more young Australian's disengaging from a system that does not seem to serve them.

When a government spends \$50 billion on 11 new submarines, then it is obvious that the education of the people are **not** a priority.

Is Australia is heading toward Eisenhower's "military industrial complex"? Is this the future we have to offer our youth?

Meyer, A. & Rose, D. H. (2005) state that "**in any revolution, students in the margins are likely to lead the way, precipitating the shifts in thinking**" that will open vast opportunities for educational reform.

What we need is an evolution. An evolution in thinking. We must move toward the creative rather than the destructive.

***"If you want a happy ending that depends, of course, on where you stop your story."***

O Welles.

Our story is only just beginning, but the hour is late and the clock is ticking. When we have the former Minister for Education stating that he wants Australia to become an "arms dealer" then we must change the narrative.

It is time.

Yours

Andrew